Direct recruitment of subordinate judges.

*365 Q.—Mr. S. SATYAMURTI: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether there is any proposal now under consideration by the Government for the direct recruitment of subordinate judges from the Bar;

(b) if so, the nature of the proposal and the stage at which it stands now; and

(c) whether one of the reasons for the proposal or one of the proposals is to exclude one community from the field of such recruitment and if so, on what grounds?

A.—(a), (b) & (c) The answer to clause (a) is in the negative.

Criminal Justice

Issue of orders under Section 144, Criminal Procedure Code, on public men in Madras.

*366 Q.—Mr. S. SATYAMURTI: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether his attention has been drawn to the large number of orders under section 144 of the Criminal Procedure Code passed upon public men and upon South Indian Railway workmen in Madras and in several parts of the province;

(b) whether his attention has been drawn to the criticisms on the platform and in the press that these orders were unjustified and unnecessary; and

(c) what action he proposes to take to prevent a recurrence of this?

A.—(a) & (b) The answers are in the affirmative.

(c) The Government have no intention of interfering with the discretion of magistracy when they take such action as in their opinion is necessary to prevent breaches of peace.

Alleged issue of orders under Section 144, Criminal Procedure Code, on Messrs. Joshi and Giri during their visit to Negapatam.

*367 Q.—Mr. S. SATYAMURTI: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) the reasons why orders under section 144, Criminal Procedure Code, were passed on Messrs. N. M. Joshi, M.L.A., and V. V. Giri during their recent visit to Negapatam;

(b) whether the attention of Government has been drawn to their statement in the press regarding these orders; and

(c) whether it is the policy of the Government to help the South Indian Railway Company to crush the labour movement in that company?

A.—(a) The hon. Member is referred to the answer to question No. 290.

(b) Yes.

(c) No.